



GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov.

- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

By the Numbers (Long Beach only | As of 8/13/2020):

- 9,425 total positive results
- 188 fatalities
- 78 people hospitalized
- Approximately 8,072 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- Information as of August 12

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 127 are associated with long-term care facilities
- Ages:
 - 2 were in their 20s
 - 4 were in their 40s
 - 15 were in their 50s
 - 42 were in their 60s



- 43 were in their 70s
- 55 were in their 80s
- 27 were over 90
- 84 female, 104 male
- All individuals had underlying health conditions
- At this time, to avoid risk to patient privacy, no further details will be provided

Long-Term Care Facility Case Information:

- 1,269 positive cases have been confirmed at a total of 33 long-term care facilities (LTCF) in the city since the start of the pandemic (see attachment).
 - Thirty-three is a cumulative number; the Health Department is currently monitoring long-term care facilities with active cases. These cases include both facility residents and staff members (who may not be residents).
 - Long Beach has a total of 71 LTCFs, including assisted living and skilled nursing, that are currently open and operating in the city.
- In line with the California Department of Public Health's standard for [listing skilled nursing facilities](#) with positive cases, the City is listing facilities currently experiencing outbreaks (more than two cases of COVID-19) including counts for health care workers and residents.

Tracking the Curve

- Information regarding positive cases, hospitalizations and demographic breakdown is available online at longbeach.gov/COVID19 and on the City's [digital dashboard](#), providing the most up-to-date information available (see attachment).

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Testing for Long Beach Residents:

- We strongly encourage all Long Beach residents who are interested in being tested to first contact their Primary Care Provider or Healthcare Center about receiving a test at their facility. If you do not have access to this care or are unable to contact them, free testing is available at CVS, Rite Aid and at City of Long Beach testing locations. More information on testing is available [here](#).

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current ["Safer at Home" Order](#) (8/13/20)

Past News Releases:

- To view past COVID-19-related press releases, visit the [City Press Release Archive](#). Releases include information about economic relief, help for people experiencing homelessness and updates regarding City operations.

The City of Long Beach continues to monitor the situation 24/7 in coordination with local, state and federal officials. For the latest updates on Coronavirus, check our Health Department's website at this [link](#).

Outdoor Dining Spots in District 4 - PCH Corridor West

With the re-closing of indoor dining announced on July 1st, many CD4 restaurants have geared up with outdoor dining areas in their parking lots. Others have established new outdoor dining areas by utilizing the City's "Parklet Program". We have been

highlighting these restaurants in recent weeks. Today, we're featuring three restaurants on the PCH corridor from Redondo to Cherry. They include Executive Suite at 3428 E. PCH, Sophie's at 3240 E. PCH and Cantarito/Molito's Grill At 2300 E. PCH. Each has set up tent dining in their parking lots. Stop by and enjoy the outdoor dining experience and support a local CD4 business at the same time.



The Executive Suite



Sophie's



Cantarito/Molito's Grill

Drive-Thru Businesses in the Fourth District

We currently have 25 drive-thrus in the Fourth Council District. You can grab food, go to the bank and pick up prescriptions without leaving your car. We have created a [list](#) of all the drive-thrus in District Four. Please call for operating hours.



Past Events

New Deadline Established for 2020 Census

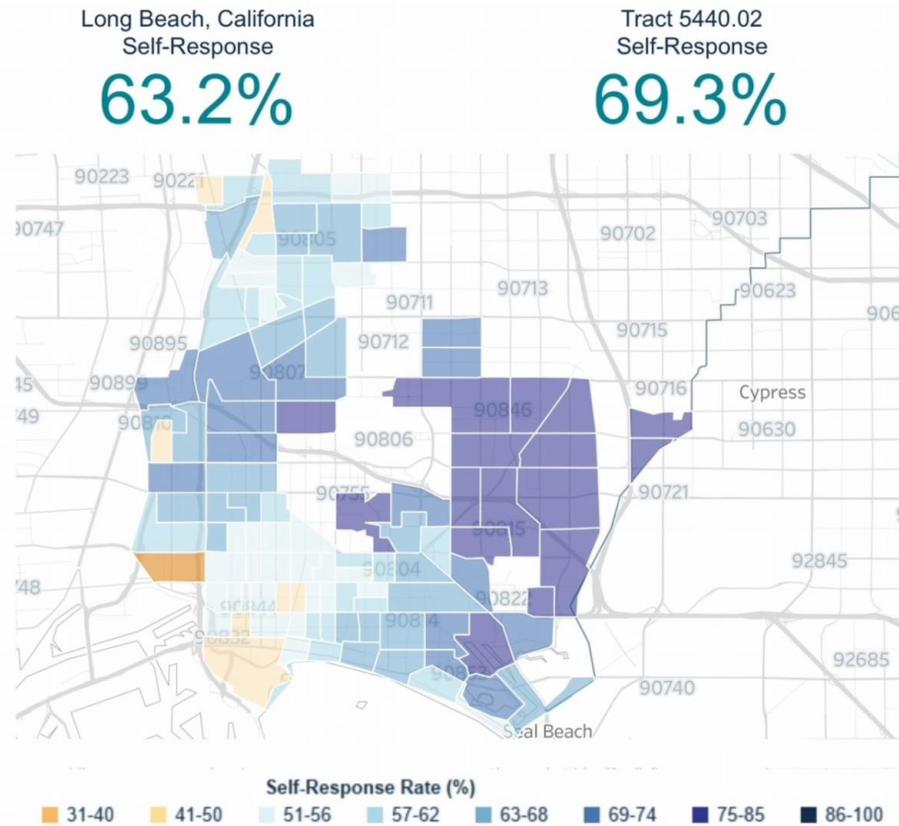
Last week, the U.S. Census Bureau Director issued a statement that included a new end date for the 2020 Census:

"We will end field data collection by September 30, 2020. Self-

response options will also close on that date to permit the commencement of data processing. Under this plan, the Census Bureau intends to meet a similar level of household responses as collected in prior censuses, including outreach to hard-to-count communities."



What this means is, as of today, we have a total of 48 days left to complete field data collection. That's plenty of time to deliver a complete and accurate 2020 Census count. You can read the full press release from the Bureau Director at this [link](#). There is also a link to fill out your census in the press release.



Proposed City Budget Released

The FY 2020 City budget was released last week with recommendations from the Mayor and City Manager. The final budget will be approved by a vote by City Council next month. Our biggest challenge will be resolving the \$30 million deficit now facing us as a result of COVID-19. You can read the City Manager's and Mayor's recommendations at the links below. There will also be four "virtual" community budget meetings on the dates listed in the chart.

- [City Manager's Overview](#)
- [Mayor's Budget Recommendation](#)

Citywide Community Budget Meetings

Thursday, August 13, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Accessible in English and Spanish

Link: <https://bit.ly/CBMAug13>

Monday, August 24, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Accessible in English and Khmer

Link: <https://bit.ly/CBMAug24>

Thursday, August 20, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Accessible in English and Tagalog

Link: <https://bit.ly/CBMAug20>

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Accessible in English and Spanish

Link: <https://bit.ly/CBMAug26>

Rent Moratorium Extended Through September



On July 14th, City Council voted unanimously to extend the rent and eviction moratorium through September 2020. Tenants will still need to provide proof that they've been impacted by COVID-19 to utilize the rent deferral option. With the revised moratorium, rents due between April and September can be deferred, but the entire balance is due July 31st, 2021. On average, that amount would be a total of \$9,000 for tenants who have deferred payment for each of the six months. Council also approved my friendly amendment requesting correspondence to be sent to Congress and State representatives asking for mortgage relief for property owners who have lost revenue from renters who have been unable to pay partial or complete rent payments

Street Sweeper Citation Waiver Extended

On July 15th, the street sweeper citation waiver program, previously scheduled to expire, was extended indefinitely. The issue will return to Council for direction on how to proceed at a later date. For now, residents who have received a street sweeping citation, and are experiencing COVID-19 related financial hardships, can request to have their fines waived by following the instructions on the back of the citation.



Pet Supplies Plus Grand Opening Celebration

On Saturday, I had the honor of participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for Pet Supplies Plus at 2086 Bellflower Blvd (next to Lazy Acres). Owner Jamie Loeblich held the grand opening over two days with free giveaways and specials on nail trims for dogs and pet food. Animal Care Services Manager, Staycee Dains, showed up with the pet adoption van along with CD4's Laura Selmer. Thanks to all who participated in this great event! More information on Pet Supplies Plus is available on their website.



Happy Birthday to Joe Jost's!

2803 E. Anaheim St. | 11 am - 8 pm | Seven days a week

Monday, August 10th, marked the 96th consecutive year in business for Joe Jost's. The iconic 4th district establishment is the oldest continually operated tavern west of the Mississippi. They're known for having the coldest beer in town, 29 degrees Fahrenheit, the "Joe's Special" sandwich, pickled eggs and fresh roasted peanuts. The photo below was taken in 1968 when Joe Jost's was celebrating "only" 45 years in business. With the current health order, they're open for take out and parking lot dining.



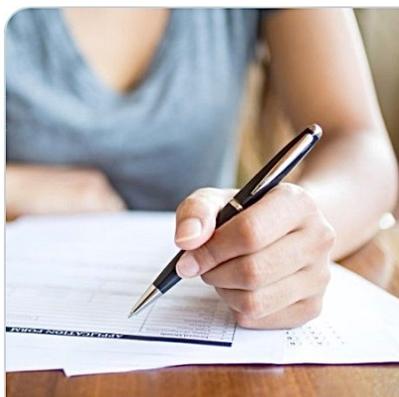


Upcoming Events

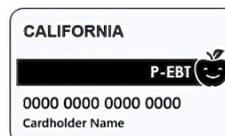
P-EBT Appeal Period Now Open

August 17th deadline | (833) 780-0353 or [Online](#)

P-EBT applications are now closed, and final notifications on eligibility were sent July 31st. If you were denied and believe this was a mistake, you can appeal the decision online at this [link](#) or call (833) 780-0353 by August 17th.



Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)



If you were denied and believe this is a mistake, you can appeal the decision online at or by calling 833-780-0353 by August 17th.

#CaliforniaForAll | #PEBT



LBPL To-Go at the Los Altos Library

Starting August 18th | Tuesdays - Saturdays | 10 am - 5 pm

Beginning August 18th, LBPL To-Go will be available at the Los Altos Library. LBPL To-Go is the library's contactless pick-up service for books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks that aligns with the State and County's Phase 2 reopening plan for libraries. For more information please visit LBPL's [website](#).

LBPL TO-GO



Next on the Council Agenda August 18th | 5 pm | Teleconference



The City Council teleconference will start at 5 pm. The civic chambers will be closed, but the public can use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Here are two items on the agenda:

- Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Public Works, Police, and Library Services.
- Recommendation to receive and file a report on the feasibility of a Long Beach Community Choice Aggregation (CCA); Defer for two years any decision whether to participate in a CCA, or possibly sooner if new information becomes available solidifying benefits, to allow for increased stability in the California electricity market and reduce potential risk to residents and businesses; Direct City Manager to perform community outreach regarding the CCA concept along with potential benefits and risks to customers, as well as to gain feedback on how supportive the community might be of a Long Beach CCA; Direct City Manager to prepare a study that analyzes CCA governance options including forming a stand-alone City enterprise, creating a new Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with another interested public agency, or joining an existing JPA; Direct City Manager to continue to monitor the energy market and related regulations and report to the City Council annually or sooner if substantial market changes occur; and Direct City Manager to continue the City's partnership with Southern California Edison to raise awareness of existing programs that provide Long Beach residents and businesses with various options to purchase a greater mix of renewables and utilize energy more efficiently. (Citywide)

The entire agenda can be found [here](#). To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click [here](#)

Public Safety Committee Meeting Next Friday August 21st | 2 pm - 4 pm | Online



The Public Safety Committee will be meeting next Friday, August 21st, from 2-4 pm. The committee has met on a monthly basis since the civil unrest of May 31st. The agenda will be available at this [link](#).

LB Parks Summer Food Service Program

June 15 - August 21 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Including Whaley, Stearns & Orizaba

The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will offer the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide free, nutritious meals to Long Beach children and youth throughout the summer months. Beginning June 15 through August 21, 2020, PRM will provide free meals for children and youth Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (excluding Friday, July 3, 2020). Meals will be available to all attending children and youth between one and 18 years old. Infant meals will not be provided. To view the complete list of locations where meals will be provided and for more information, visit the [PRM website](#) or call the Summer Food Office at 562.570.3226.



Contacting Caltrans on Freeway Trash Issues

Our council office is often asked about freeway on ramp/off ramp issues including trash and weeds. This is usually located on a Caltrans easement, and we contact the agency on behalf of the resident. There is also reporting options where anyone can file a complaint by phone or online. You can report a variety of maintenance issues, including illegal encampments, directly to Caltrans via their customer service request website:

<https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact the Caltrans District 7 office at 213-897-3656 or via email at: D7inquiries@dot.ca.gov



Caltrans is a State agency and not under the jurisdiction of city council. To reach out to your State representatives over a Caltrans issue, here is their contact information:

Patrick O'Donnell: Assemblymember.ODonnell@assembly.ca.gov | 562-429-0470

Lena Gonzalez: Senator.Gonzalez@sen.ca.gov | 562-256-7921

Tom Umberg: Senator.Umberg@sen.ca.gov | 714-558-3785

And Finally

Francisco "Pancho" Flores

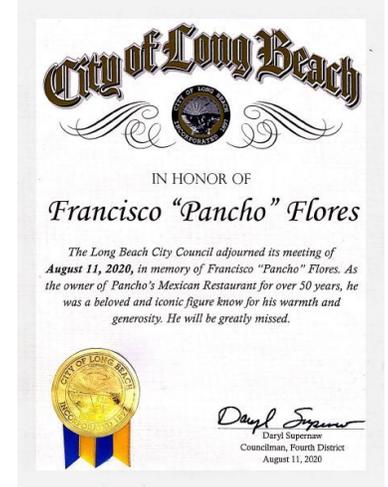
Last Saturday, the City of Long Beach, and especially our 4th council district, lost a beloved icon. The owner/operator of Pancho's Mexican Restaurant for over 50 years, Frank "Pancho" Flores, passed away leaving an incredible legacy.

Frank opened Pancho's in 1966 in the former coffee shop of the Virginia Motel at 4925 E. Pacific Coast Highway.

After a few years, he remodeled the restaurant removing the counter and adding booths. He did much of the work himself, and he could often be seen buying materials at Dary Lumber on Anaheim and Loma. His innovative, remote-controlled table dividers installed with the remodel are still in use today.

Frank was a great businessman who saw competitors come and go. He offered quality and consistency in his menu that kept a loyal following. Pancho's became a favorite restaurant for multiple generations of many Long Beach families. Many of the condolences on social media reference fond memories of the restaurant over the years and the kindness of the owner. His support of the community and kindness to others was also mentioned. He was truly admired and beloved by his customers and the "Pancho's Family" staff.

I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of Pancho's 50th anniversary celebration back in 2016. Council member Roberto Uranga and I presented Frank with certificates of recognition and a cake to commemorate the occasion. On Tuesday night, I had the honor of closing our city council meeting in Frank's memory. Words cannot express what Frank meant to our community or how much he will be missed. He truly embraced our district's Go Fourth! spirit, and he left our community a much better place. Rest in peace Francisco "Pancho" Flores.



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